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In the pits

Quarry owners have six months to avoid major headaches

GREG HOEKSTRA
Staff Reporter

Pit and quarry owners in Haliburton County have less than six months left to apply for a licence with the Ministry of Natural Resources or be stripped of their legal right to operate.

Because Haliburton County now falls under the Aggregate Resources Act – provincial legislation that regulates all pits and quarries and charges operators based on the amount of material they extract – all current operations must submit a formal application to the MNR to be "grandfathered" into the system before the June 30 deadline.

The act has existed in much of Southern Ontario since 1990 but Haliburton County had been exempt from its regulations until January 1 of this year, when Natural Resources Minister David Ramsay expanded its scope in an effort to "avoid unfair competition among aggregate operations" and "help protect the environment."

Last Wednesday, MNR senior policy advisory Stuart Thatcher spoke to representatives from all four municipalities in

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CASEY LESSARD/Echo

An exercise in grace
Elaine Anderson is one of a large group of county residents who enjoy tai chi at various locations, including this class at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce. Beginner and continuing classes run Wednesdays, with other classes running throughout the week in Haliburton and Minden. For more photos please see page 17.

Thirty ballots are lost and found in Highlands East

GREG HOEKSTRA
Staff Reporter

Jammed ballot tabulators and human error are being blamed for the omission of 30 ballots on election day in Highlands East. All ballots were cast in Ward 1.

The discrepancy was first realized when 30 unexpected ballots surfaced during the December 19 ballot recount. Upon making this discovery, the municipality contacted Dominion Voting Systems – the company which supplied the ballot tabulators – asking for an explanation as to where the additional ballots came from.

After examining the tabulator log files, officials from Dominion were able to determine that there were two separate paper jams in tabulator 2 on November 13. In both cases, the operator of the machine cancelled the entire batch, removed the jammed ballots, then picked up where he/she left off, scanning only the remaining ballots from that pile of 20.

Because the first ballots, up to and including the jammed ballot, were cancelled without being re-scanned, they were not included in the election day results. Likewise, since all of the ballots were scanned and processed correctly during the recount, the 30 ballots then resurfaced.

Council was made aware of this issue during their January 9 meeting, at which point Deputy-reeve Jim Mackie, who was elected in Ward 1, expressed dismay over the error.

"I find it extremely disturbing that we have a system where you can have a glitch of 30 votes like that. What if that happened in Ward 2," said Mackie, referring to the race in which incumbent Suzanne Partridge defeated Basil Cox by eight votes.

Nevertheless, municipal clerk Irene Cook came to the defence of not only the operator in question, but also the system as a whole.

"What I figure happened is that the operator got a little bit flustered during the night of the election. It's a very stressful

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Haliburton thefts continue

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands OPP were called January 16 after another rash of thefts overnight in the village of Haliburton.

Several unlocked vehicles were entered on Harmony Road where the suspect stole some cash and a purse. The suspect also entered vehicles on Bishop Court and the Halbiem subdivision, with cash being stolen from several vehicles. The Shamrock Service Centre was also broken into.

Officers were called the previous week in regards to several similar incidents.

Members of the public are reminded to secure their vehicles and when possible put them in a locked garage. The public is also encouraged to report any suspicious person(s) or behaviour to police.

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Flustered operator made mistake on election night

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time for not only the candidates but for the people working there," said Cook.

"When there was a paper jam, she probably got a little intimidated. The process is to rescan the whole batch, but she just forgot, or she made an error. It wasn't a glitch in the system, it was the actual operator of the equipment that made the error. The only way to remove human error is to remove the human," she added.

Highlands East was the only municipality in Haliburton County to use electronic ballot tabulators during the November 13 election. Barring any human error, the machines are often considered to be a highly accurate way of reducing the time and staff needed to hold an election.

Beating the grinch

You may recall that the Haliburton Highlands Silver Flutes band was robbed in Toronto ahead of the city's Santa Claus parade in November. Generous donors continue to help the band replace five drums and an alto G flute. One of the donations came last week from the Scottish Country Dancers, who gave $500. At centre is drum major Jon English with the first of the new drums. Beside him are dancer and band member Eleanor Cooper and bandmaster Bill Medland (on the left), as well as dancer Jean Clarke and dancer and band member Earl Cooper.

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Drift into fiction with Lutz 'n Tina

Former Haliburton resident returns home with a musical vision and a new partner

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

"This is exactly how I promised her it would look," says Lutz Haedicke, smiling in the direction of his girlfriend Tina Orth as she takes in the view of Lake Kashagawigamog during an enchanting heavy snowfall.

Haedicke, who immigrated to Canada from Germany at age 11 after his parents purchased the Halimar Resort, is certainly no stranger to Haliburton winters but for Orth – who is enjoying only her second day in the country – the fluttering torrent of thick, wet flurries is truly a sight to behold.

"It's wonderful," she says. "It's snowing, and it's perfect."

For only a brief moment, our interview stops. Sitting in the basement of the Haedicke residence, in full view of the large, sliding glass doors, the three of us take a moment to admire the view and take another sip of freshly-brewed coffee. And with that, it's right back to business.

"So how did the two of you meet?" I ask.

Haedicke says that the two of them met while studying in Germany at the Hamburg University of Music. He then quickly adds that their first acquaintance was by no means a matter of chance.

"I was specifically looking for you," he tells her. Turning back in my direction he says, "I was looking for a female singer who could speak English and sing in English."

And sure enough, he found what he was looking for in Orth, who started her musical career at the age of nine as a member of the German "Mickey Mouse Club," and hasn't stopped singing since. Sharing a classroom with her, Haedicke knew that he had found the perfect voice to match his own, and set to work last March in convincing her to join him in his musical efforts. He succeeded, and within a month they were not only musical partners, but partners in life.

"I thought, 'Finally, someone who understands how I think, and my moods,'" he muses.

After successfully competing in several contests with a full band backing them, Lutz and Tina decided to start their own acoustical duo (which they liken to Simon and Garfunkel) featuring a solo acoustic guitar underlining their two voices.

In the weeks before Christmas, the pair put the final touches on their first demo CD, *A Walk into the Sun*, which they plan to use to land gigs at various bars and pubs across the city of Hamburg, where they share an apartment together. But for the next three weeks, they'll be in the Highlands enjoying the warmth and comfort of the Haedicke residence – visiting not only for his father Jürgen's 60th birthday, but also to perform an intimate folk concert at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion this coming Friday.

As an alumnus of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, Haedicke is excited to return to his hometown and share his music with the community that shaped him as a person. However, he's also not too proud to admit that the thought of playing his first "real" concert in front of friends, family, and neighbours, breeds butterflies in his stomach.

"You come home and the pressure is higher. You want to impress people, you want to show them what you've got, what you're doing, and what you've learned," he says. "At the same time, everybody knows me, so I wonder, will they judge me with a harsher view?"

"Well, we're doing the best we can," Orth says softly, giving her partner a supportive pat on the knee. "We're putting all our heart and soul into it, and that's all we can promise."

GREG HOEKSTRA/Echo

Lutz n' Tina have come all the way from Germany for their debut performance at the Northern Lights Pavilion. The show starts at 8:00, on Friday, January 26. Tickets can be bought at Marty's Health Food Store in Haliburton, or by phoning 455-9000.

Not only will this Friday's concert mark their first performance since the release of their demo CD, but it will also be their first time performing acoustic in front of an audience – let alone one whose native tongue is English. Since all of the album's songs are written in English, the duo are anxious to see how the crowd reacts to their variety of intimate folk numbers.

"I'm really looking forward to this concert, because the people will actually understand what we have to say," says Orth. "People in Germany do speak English, and they can understand, but most of the time they focus on the music itself... It's work for them to understand the words."

On a similar note, the pair also considers the upcoming show as a way of testing the waters in a Canadian market. That's because in the coming year Haedicke will have a serious decision to make, and if he chooses to remain in Germany past next November, his landed immigrant status in Canada will be revoked, since he will have been out of the country for more than three years out of five.

"If I stay, my status will be lost, and that would be a real shame because I did fall in love with Canada," he says. "I would have never learned to play guitar if I stayed in Germany. The long winters here definitely helped that," he laughs, and then recalls his "perfect spot by the lake" that could put him into a songwriting "trance."

It's currently his intention to return to Canada, with Orth by his side, when the lease on their apartment is up in October. Of course, such a major decision cannot be taken lightly – particularly when one half of the couple will be moving across the world – so for the time being the two are focusing on the immediate, rather than the impending.

"It's just something you kind of push ahead. It's like, 'Okay, I know that decision has to be made in September or October, but right now we're just picking up steam [with the new demo] and trying to get some jobs," he says.

Copies of *A Walk into the Sun* will be available for purchase during Friday night's show, and Haedicke says he is hopeful that people will be touched enough by the performance to purchase a copy.

"As an artist, my songs have been inspired by many things. So I hope I can now take those things and inspire other people," he says.

"[On the album] some of the songs are fun songs, some are love songs. Some are about life, depression, or doubts, and everybody goes through that," he says. "And then some songs are just stories, to help you shut off your mind and drift for a while...to enjoy fiction."

Those looking to drift into fiction with Lutz 'n Tina this Friday can purchase their tickets in advance from Marty's Health Food Store in Haliburton, or by phoning 455-9000. Tickets will also be available at the door prior to the performance, which gets underway at 8 p.m. at the Northern Lights Pavilion. Tickets are $10 for adults and $8 for students. Come on out for the event and give Lutz n' Tina a warm welcome home.

Grandfather pits now or be sorry later: MNR

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Haliburton County, urging them to take action sooner than later and apply for licences for all municipally-owned pits. He also implored that each municipality spread the word to all private operators.

"Anyone who has an established pit or quarry – be it the municipality, the county, or a private operator – will have six months in which to apply for a licence and be grandfathered in under the act. It's very critical that the six months are in everyone's mind," said Thatcher.

During the grandfathering stage, no external review by any government agency is required, and the only thing the MNR requests from operators is an official site plan and confirmation of zoning from the municipality, said Thatcher.

After the six-month period, however, operators wishing to apply for a licence will then be required to produce a number of costly reports, including a natural environment report identifying any endangered and threatened species, a hydro-geological report, and an archeological report.

"All those reports, if you put them all together, are going to run you $20,000 to $30,000, sometimes more, depending on your location and what is surrounding you," warned Thatcher. "So for anyone who wants to continue operating, that six-month window is critical, and I can't stress that enough."

After the grandfathering stage has ended, operators will not automatically lose their status as a pit or quarry, but they will lose their right to operate and extract materials from their site legally.

"If you do not apply within the first six months, you must cease operations as of June 30, or basically you're an illegal operation. If you miss the six-month deadline and decided to apply at the ten-month mark, you're still an established pit or quarry; however, you cannot operate until a site plan has been produced, zoning is confirmed, and the licence is actually issued. And that can take a while," he said.

Likewise, Thatcher said that after 24 months have passed every application becomes a "new application" – meaning even past pits and quarries will no longer recognized. At that point, not only will all the technical studies be required but the application will also be open to objections from neighbours, residents, and townships. If such a complaint is lodged – which is quite common – the application is automatically forwarded to the Ontario Municipal Board for a hearing, which Thatcher said can consume "a lot of time and a lot of money."

For the time being, Thatcher said that pit operators need only to submit a sketch of their site along with the application fee. Once those two items are received, the operator will be issued a license on the condition that they put forward an official site plan shortly thereafter.

Operations extracting more than 20,000 tonnes per year must apply for a Class A licence, for $400, while operations drawing less than 20,000 tonnes can apply for a Class B licence for $200. After the grandfathering stage, the fees increase to $500 for Class B and $1,000 for Class A.

The annual licence fee is the minimum that an operation will be charged, even if they don't remove any material that year. However, if the operation does produce material, a fee of 11.5 cents per tonne will then apply – even if the material has been pre-sold or stockpiled and is to be removed over the next several years.

For those operations that are currently operating at, or just below the 20,000 tonne divide between Class B and Class A, Thatcher strongly advised that they apply for a Class A licence now, during the grandfathering stage, rather than once the legislation is in full-swing.

"If you want to increase that tonnage down the road to 40,000 tonnes or whatever, there will have to be a brand new application with technical reports, hydro-geological reports, natural environment reports, archeological reports, a public consultation process, and ultimately, it will be appealed to the OMB," he said. "You're looking at a three- to four-year window for processing. So if you're on the verge, or looking to expand, I would say apply for a Class A."

Thatcher said that the only advantage to a Class B licence is that the site plans can be prepared by the applicant, or "anyone that can really draw," such as an engineer or roads superintendent. This can help applicants reduce the costs of a licence, whereas a Class A site plan must be done by a qualified individual, such as a professional engineer, landscape architect, or Ontario land surveyor.

In the end, Thatcher stressed that the MNR is working diligently to make the transition seamless for all those involved.

But despite his reassurance, some municipal and county officials worried about the ordeals that could face them in the future if they need to apply for a new pit or quarry under the act.

"I want to ask you a direct question – how long is it going to take me to get a new Class B licence? What's the shortest amount of time," asked Doug Ray, operations manager for the county roads department.

"Probably five years... Well, two years if nobody objects," said Stuart. "A new application could take anywhere between two years and 15 years, depending on where you sit in the province."

"So this probably means no new gravel pits in Haliburton County," chimed in Warden Murray Fearrey. "Or at least, it's very unlikely."

Thatcher maintained that was not necessarily true, but Fearrey noted that the majority of deposits in this county are too shallow to justify spending so much time and money. In part, that is why this area was exempt from the Aggregate Resources Act for so long, he said.

But with local officials now up to speed on the impending changes and looming deadlines, the next step in the process is to inform and educate all local operators in the same manner.

For that reason alone, Thatcher has agreed to come back to Haliburton County for an information session with all private pit and quarry operators, to be held on Thursday, February 8 at 3 p.m. in the Haliburton Legion.

"Better bring your flak jacket with you for that one," Fearrey joked with Thatcher as the meeting drew to a close.

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Funds could lead to Wigamog Road improvements

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the January 8 meeting of Dysart et al council.

Wigamog Road may soon get a makeover, so long as an application for provincial funding is successful.

On the advice of roads superintendent Brian Nicholson, Dysart is applying for funding under the province's new Rural Infrastructure Investment Initiative, a program that was announce last September by Premier Dalton McGuinty.

Grants under the initiative will be awarded on a competitive basis, in order to allow for "meaningful funding awards that contribute to the construction or renewal of key infrastructure projects in rural communities."

Only one project will be considered for each applicant, so Nicholson advised council that the proposed construction and revitalization of the heavily-used Wigamog Road should be a top priority, due to the large scope of the project.

The deadline for applications is February 5, and should funding be awarded to Dysart it would be expended by March 31.

Arts cluster

The Haliburton County Development Corporation has awarded $30,000 to Dysart under its Community Capacity Building Program.

The funds will go towards a feasibility study that will research the viability of a "creative arts cluster" within the municipality. The cluster would act as an arts-focused business incubator and multi-use arts-focused building, with a goal of enticing artists to move to, and settle in, the Haliburton area when starting their businesses.

Although Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey came out in full support of the idea, he did note that until a feasibility study is completed, there is no way of telling if such a project would be possible in this area.

With funding now awarded, the municipality can push forward with the study, which must be completed by the end of March.

Park in high demand

It may be -15° outside but some people in Haliburton County are already setting their sights on summer.

Council approved several applications for the use of Head Lake park, including a pair of annual summer events.

Council once again granted the Rails End Gallery permission to host its ever-popular "Trash 'n Treasures" sale along the Head Lake boardwalk. This year's event is set for the morning of Saturday, June 16.

Permission was also granted for use of the village dock on Head Lake for the "Gals 'n Pals" bass tournament on Saturday, July 21. Registration for that event begins at 6 a.m., and the tournament is officially underway at 8 a.m., running into mid-afternoon.

Council also approved use of the park for two more immediate events, both to be hosted by the Rails End Gallery and Health for Life. For more details see page 15 in this week's *Echo*.

Mark your calendars

For the next four years, regular meetings of council will now take place on the second Monday of each month, commencing at 9 a.m. and on the first Monday of each month, commencing at 4 p.m. (in order to discuss planning matters).

In the event that a holiday Monday falls on either the first or second Monday of the month, the meeting will be held on the proceeding Tuesday at the same time.

Council has also set a preliminary date for their first budget meeting, that being Friday, February 23 at 9 a.m..

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Wednesday March 7th, 2007 - 9:00am to 12:00pm
A 3 hour overview of this popular accounting software program.

INCOME TAX PREPARATION - Michele DuLong CGA
Wednesday March 7th, 2007 - 1:00pm to 4:00pm
A 3 hour overview for sole proprietors/partners covering Statement of Business Activity - Form T2124 &T2032, calculations for automobile & house expenses and capital cost allowance.

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SUCCESSION PLANNING - Business Development Bank of Canada
Thursday March 15th, 2007 - 6:30pm to 7:30pm
The Transitions loan program offered by the Business Development Bank of Canada finances employees or investors assuming ownership of your business.

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Wednesday April 11th, 2007 – 6:00pm to 9:00pm
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This is the pits

Anyone who thinks that our front-page story on the changes to the provincial Aggregate Resources Act has nothing to do with them doesn't own a car. They don't have to drive on municipal roads, need a new layer of gravel on their driveway every now and then or, for that matter, pay municipal property taxes.

Everyone else should start saving their loonies.

Until January 1, Haliburton County fell outside the purview of the act's jurisdiction. There were other rules governing our pits and quarries but since we have no major deposits here (which is odd considering how much rock there is) we were never deemed important enough to need onerous rules and regulations that are part of the act. Safeguards were in place to prevent degradation of the environment but the municipalities were the watchdogs, not the province.

echo **editorial** *martha perkins*

Now that the province has decided that it's not fair to make some jurisdictions follow its rules and not others, pit and quarry owners are facing a new level of fees and studies. Not only must they pay annual licence fees for existing pits but they also must pay a "tax" on how much aggregate is extracted. If they want to create a new pit, they must pay for expensive studies and be willing to wait years for approvals.

There are fears that the new rules will put "mom and pop" quarries out of business. They simply do not extract enough aggregate each year to make it worth their while to jump through all the expensive hoops. But in an area where a lot of people do a lot of little things to make ends meet, the loss of any source of income is keenly felt.

And it's not only private operators who will face these new burdens. Municipal governments also own quarries which they use when they have a roads project in an area. A quarry may lay dormant for years before the costs of trucking makes a municipality reopen it until the work is finished. Any new cost faced by a municipality will be passed on to property owners. And we can guess how property owners will react to paying more money just so the municipality can provide the same materials at a much higher cost.

Given that few people want a quarry in their backyard, there's also the very strong likelihood that few people in the Highlands will want to go through the protracted process of opening a new pit. Stuart Thatcher, a senior policy advisor with the Ministry of Natural Resources, tells the story of an application for a new quarry in Wawa. This northern Ontario town has a population of 3,000. The petition against the application had 4,000 signatures on it. Trips to the Ontario Municipal Board are almost guaranteed.

It's of extreme importance that current pit owners, including municipalities, take advantage of the six-month opportunity to grandfather their pit. They'll still have to pay the licence fee, and 11.5 cents per tonne of material that they produce, but at least they'll be able to operate their pit without having to undergo any of the studies. The MNR is providing this break, which is very kind of it since it's going to be raking in a new source of revenue in six months.

Hey, maybe that's what the government means when it says it wants the act to be fair to everyone. Is it fair that the province isn't making as much money off pit owners as it could be?

Tai Chi in motion *Photo by* CASEY LESSARD/ECHO

Basketball on ice: The future of Canada's game

ross jarvis

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What's happening to our national game? What are they doing to possibly the most exciting sport ever devised by semi-violent men and, now, women?

The referees are trying to turn our fabulous game into basketball on ice. Think back to last week when the entire country tuned into Hockey Day in Canada, a whole day devoted to the celebration of the sport we love and play everywhere in the country, from pond and river to sparkling city edifice.

The Vancouver/Leaf game was the sad example of what I speak. Possibly the worst example of referee-overkill that has ever passed by these old hockey-addicted eyes.

Yes, I remember when there were only six teams and they were so evenly matched that any one could beat any other on any given day. They seldom lost in their home rink. And, to be completely fair, our game has improved in the last few years, with rules eliminating the centre line, and making icing the puck a bad idea. These changes have made the game even faster, which is saying something.

Unfortunately, the same folks whose wisdom eliminated the centre line have instructed their referees to call a penalty for anything and everything that even looks impolite. The game between Vancouver and Toronto was an example of the referees taking over the show and the players trying to cope. The audience wasn't even considered. Harry Neale, the Hockey-Night-In-Canada colour man said it all, 'This kind of refereeing is going to keep the fans away in droves' or something Yogi Berra-ish like that.

There were four occasions in this game where one or the other team was playing two men short. Back in the day, we wouldn't see a two-men-short more than two or three times in a whole season.

Maybe Gary Betman, NHL President, and New York lawyer, thinks that if we have a lot of penalties, it will lead to more scoring and thus more excitement. No. It leads to unfair goals, and messed-up line changes, and it leaves the coaches with no choice but to play most of the game with their special teams, which leaves half the team sitting on the bench getting cold, and the other half on the ice for the whole game getting tired.

When the cold half of the team finally gets a shift, they are chilled and stiff and can't really get moving. The game becomes choppy, disorganized and dull.

Goals scored during two-man advantages are really tainted. Cheap goals. I mean, how can a group of NHLers not score with that kind of advantage? I actually don't feel the great burst of elation when the Leafs score with a two-man advantage. (Yes, I'm a dyed-in-the-wool Leafs fan.) Put me on the ice with Mats Sundin and a two-man advantage and I could probably score. (Hey, Mats has played with everyone else this year)

I digress. Back to the over-refereed game between the Leafs and Canucks. The next day, three different hockey-fan friends of mine told me that they turned the game off some time in the second period. Imagine. True-blue, Canadian-born hockey maniacs – guys who wouldn't miss a game to go to their grandmother's funeral, turning off the festivities in the second period. This is very serious, Mr. Betman. If you want the NHL to remain the premiere league – the showcase of our illustrious sport, you had better call off the refs. Let the players play. Let the coaches, coach.

Let the sport be what it started out to be. Fast, exciting, explosive and, yes, just violent enough to make it interesting. That's the Canadian game. And you shouldn't mess with it.

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Gee, your jokes are funny

Late yesterday afternoon, I was minding my own business reading a book when my daughter came up to me and said, "Dad, can you spell pig backwards and say funny?"

I just looked at her and smiled.

"Well?" she asked.

"Carmen," I began, "just who do you think you are dealing with here? I am not some simple idiot who has just fallen off the turnip truck. I was not born yesterday. That, my darling, is the oldest trick in the book."

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"I'm sorry, Dad. What is the oldest trick in the book?"

"Pardon?" I said.

"Oh, I was off day-dreaming again, Daddy. I forgot what we were talking about."

"G. I. P. funny, that's what!" I proclaimed.

"Well," she giggled, "maybe you ought to go see a doctor!"

Needless to say, I have never been more proud of my little girl.

That classic joke has been around as long as I can remember. In fact, if my memory serves me correctly it was the brainchild of William Wobbles, one of Elizabethan England's most famous bards. As jokes go, it's right up there with "Take my wife - please" and "I just flew in from San Francisco — and boy are my arms tired!"

As far as I know, however, no one has given William Wobbles the credit he so richly deserves for bestowing this brilliant witticism upon the English-speaking peoples. At the very least they could have erected a statue in his honour. If they were serious about it, he would be the centrepiece of an ornate and unpredictable fountain. I could just see him standing there on one leg, releasing water, and pulling a funny face while keeping his outstretched hands firmly attached by the thumbs to his ears. If I was designing it, there would also be an inscription that said, "P.I.G. Funny" and you'd have to look at the P.I.G. part in a mirror.

I know I'd go visit it. Heck, who wouldn't?

Anyhow, my daughter reminded me of how much joy these old classic jokes can bring — not only to the teller but also to the person upon whom they are inflicted.

Of course, a complex joke like this couldn't just be dropped upon just anyone. No, a person has to find just the right victim, a hapless, unsuspecting rube; someone so gullible and, okay, I'll say it dumb, that the punch line would hit them right between the lookers. Done correctly, they'd never know what hit them.

I immediately thought of my sister.

Minutes later, I gathered the kids so they could hear how a true master unleashed such comedic gold.

On the third ring, my sister answered the phone.

"Hello," she said, completely unawares that she was about to be made a fool of.

"Hi, sis," I replied smoothly.

"Oh, it's you," she said.

I didn't say a word for a few seconds whilst the little wheels in my mind turned over. I was determining just the right way to slip this into the conversation without arousing suspicion.

"Steve? You still there?"

"Yeah, yeah, I am. Hey, by any chance, have you ever tried to spell "pig" backwards and then say funny?" I turned to wink at the kids.

"What?" she asked.

"You know, spell pig backwards and then say funny."

"I don't get it," she said dully.

"What do you mean you don't get it?" I asked losing my patience.

"I just don't get what you mean," she replied.

"G. I. P. funny! That's what I mean!" I explained.

"Well, maybe you ought to see a urologist then," she said, and then quickly hung up.

"Talk about immature," I muttered, as I looked to the phone.

The kids nodded in agreement.

Despite my limited success, I still had the urge to pull off this classic prank. And, just at that moment, it so happened that my wife walked in the room.

Inwardly, I laughed. "This will prove once and for all who the brain of the family is," I muttered.

"Why are you muttering to yourself?" she asked.

"You'll see my pretty...."

"Huh?"

"Hey, by any chance, have you ever spelled pig backwards and then said funny?"

"Did you say pug backwards? As in G.U.P. funny!"

The kids cracked right up.

"No! No! I didn't. For your information, smarty pants, I said pig backwards, as in G.I.P. funny!"

"Well then, you better go get that checked," she replied.

There and then, it occurred to me why no one ever bothered to build a statue commemorating Willy Wobbles.

Back in 1964, Carnarvon could not only lay claim to having its own ski hill, but it also boasted being home to "the largest skier in the world." The huge snow skier was built by local skiers and residents a short distance away from the ski hill. Owner Fred Gregory gave free lessons every Saturday, attracting many young skiers to the hill, including Judy Carpenter, who took this photo of her friend Josie Miscio. It's believed the snow skier was built to help celebrate the first Minden Winter Carnival. Our thanks to Mrs. Carpenter for sharing this delightful memory with our readers.

pic *of the* past

letters to the editor

Asphalt debate is growing redundant

To the Editor:

I read the January 16 article by Greg Hoekstra, "Asphalt debate gets sticky". I couldn't believe that we are still trashing this over and over again. How loud and how often do we have to emphasize that we don't want a permanent plant?

Our new Deputy-reeve Jim Mackie certainly seems to be in favour of the asphalt plant. Mr. Mackie doesn't live in the Glamorgan area. I didn't realize that we, in Haliburton County, had 400-series highways. Why do we, in Highlands East, have to be stuck with this type of business in our tranquil tourist area? Other municipalities in the county were successful in their fight to keep permanent asphalt plants out. It shouldn't make a difference that this site is on Crown Land. We DON'T want it.

I want to commend Councillor Suzanne Partridge and Councillor Gary Stoughton for sticking to their opinion that a permanent asphalt plant in our area is not compatible with our Glamorgan lifestyle. Keep fighting for us. It

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Veteran councillor has 'done her homework'

To the Editor:

Re: "Asphalt debate gets sticky," Jan. 17, 2007

Your extensive coverage of this issue served to inform the public while exposing the contrast between the biased stance of new councillor Jim Mackie with that of veteran councillor Suzanne Partridge who demonstrated the advantage of her past council experience and of having done her homework on this contentious issue.

The "observer" who was quoted in the article as blurting out, "This sounds like a pitch from Dennis Simmons" was me. However this "observer" had in fact requested, and was granted, permission prior to the meeting to address council on the issue, as is required.

It should be noted that in Ontario, the Ministry of Transportation is responsible for the highway design standards and material specifications for both aggregates and asphalt used in the construction of our highways. Mr. Mackie makes the assertion that "...the stone that you find in that quarry" (Beamish) "is the hardest stone that you

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An open letter to Haliburton County council regarding a permanent asphalt plant for the county

Dear Warden Fearrey and Councillors:

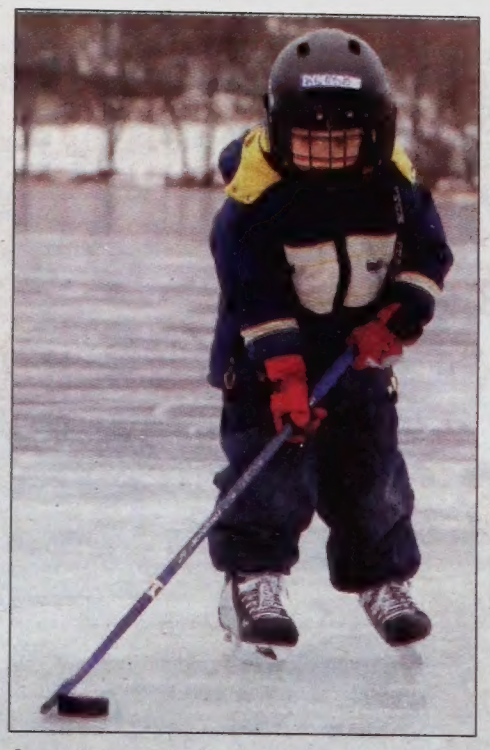
For close to a decade there has been continuous concern and opposition by county residents to the establishment of a permanent asphalt plant. At the committee of the whole, January 10, council indicated that it would support the siting of a permanent asphalt plant at the Bark Lake quarry as such a plant would bring benefit to the county.

As this is a project that is so strongly and consistently opposed by county residents, Environment Haliburton! Requests that Council release the study which demonstrates that a permanent asphalt plant will create more benefits than costs to the County.

As a permanent asphalt plant is apparently a public good, one that does impose costs on neighbours and the environment, we also ask that the County undertake a professional site evaluation study to ensure that such a plant is located where it will pose the least damage to the environment and the neighbourhood and where it will maximize benefit to the County.

The Bark Lake quarry is located adjacent to a site where rare and endangered species have been identified. It is adjacent to a proposed major cottage and resort development. Would the Bark Lake quarry be rated as the best site for an asphalt plant? There is no way we can know until a site evaluation study is done.

Heather Ross
Environment Haliburton!



Sometimes Mother Nature gives us a perfect rink on Head Lake, but why not give her a hand, reader asks.

A rink for us all to enjoy

To the Editor:

My name is Mackenzie Sisson and I am eight years old. I play hockey for the Highland Storm girls team. This is my first year and we usually have a practice once or twice a week which is great BUT I would like to be able to practise more.

I was thinking, Wouldn't it be great to be able to practise on Head Lake? All we would need is some lights, maybe a bench and a group of people to maintain it!!

I bet there are a lot of kids and families who would enjoy this.

Mackenzie Sisson,
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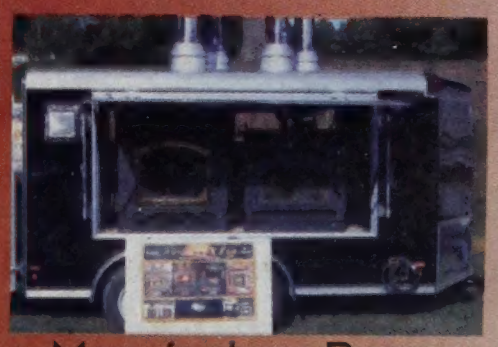

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'Detractors' are community-minded taxpayers

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can find in Ontario.... It will make the best asphalt in Ontario, bar none, is what they're telling us."

One questions who Mr. Mackie might have been talking to in order to arrive at this misinformed conclusion or does he know something even the MTO is not aware of? When Beamish hosted an open house at their quarry site this past summer company officials publicly denied ever making this claim i.e. that in the vast expanse of the entire Canadian Shield which covers much of our province, a pocket of bedrock at this particular quarry site is without equal in quality.

Mr. Mackie further suggested that this asphalt plant proposal is needed "...in order to provide higher quality asphalt that would lead to better quality roads." I would suggest that if this assertion has any basis in fact, then it is incumbent upon Mr. Mackie to inform the Ministry of Transportation whose research facilities are dedicated to the development of higher quality road construction materials with which to improve road quality for our province. On the matter of the distinction between a permanent and temporary asphalt plant Mr. Mackie appeared confused; however, Councillor Partridge provided a succinct and factual explanation.

With regard to "detractors" present at the meeting, I can personally attest to the fact that the "detractors" were actually community-minded ratepayers who for much too long have been subjected to the hollow arguments and pressures of the pro-asphalt lobby. On the agenda of the Jan. 9 council meeting was a simple request to rescind a resolution which previous councils had drafted and successively reaffirmed to reflect the wishes of a very significant part of the affected population in Highlands East.

In the absence of any new information to the contrary (neither Simmons nor Beamish was present to support the request) only a citizenry more determined than ever to oppose this ill-conceived proposal was in attendance. An informed and impartial debate followed by a clear vote by council was expected but not delivered, and hence the presence of "detractors".

The application for an asphalt plant is not before the Highlands East council but the MNR Minden office which has jurisdiction over Crown land. The municipality of Highlands East can accommodate a temporary asphalt plant on zoned lands within its boundaries. Councillor Partridge has demonstrated that she understands these issues and is prepared to express her views impartially. Just ask her.

Al Eppich
Highlands East

Council must let ratepayers have their say

from page 7

would be interesting to know how our Ward 3 councillor feels about this.

I am okay with a portable asphalt plant (which means to most people that it will be put in place, when needed, on the working site as done on Highway 118 and, I believe, on Highway 35 north of Minden) and then removed.

To Highlands East council, I would hope that you will let the ratepayers have their say and not keep them out of the discussions.

Keeping tabs from Florida,

Lorrie Saville
Glamorgan Township

Reader questions deputy-reeve's statements

Proposed plant, which was built in the 1960s, belongs in a museum, not Haliburton County

To the Editor:

Re: "Asphalt debate gets sticky," Echo January 16, 2007

I really question the knowledge of the newly-appointed Deputy-reeve Jim Mackie when he comments on the minimal environmental impact of a Bark Lake asphalt plant.

Working directly across the street from a similar asphalt plant for close to 10 years I can tell you that they are dirty, smelly, noisy and toxic. Is this what we are looking to achieve in Haliburton County with our extraordinary clean air?

I also have knowledge of a new high-tech asphalt plant being built in Budapest, Hungary where they are spending approximately six million Euros to completely enclose a new plant in concrete in order to meet strict environmental regulations.

If this proposed Beamish batch plant is as environmentally friendly as Mr. Mackie, consultant Dennis Simmons, or Beamish would want us to believe, why would this company in Eastern Europe spend so much money on new environmental technology? The batch plant, built in the 1960s, that Beamish is proposing to bring to pristine Haliburton should be diverted to a museum instead. It would do more good there.

I also question Mr. Mackie when he states that Beamish could produce a higher-quality asphalt compared to asphalt available from surrounding local sources and in fact I am 100 per cent certain that the main asphalt producer located in Muskoka would easily put this myth to rest.

I am also certain that there are several surrounding asphalt plants with the capacity to supply high-quality asphalt to this region with no problem. Does Mr. Mackie have any engineering reports to support this claim of superior quality or is he an engineer with materials expertise?

In closing, I also must ask: is there no concern or respect for the standing resolution of non-support for an asphalt plant? Especially when you consider the fact that it was initially passed in 2003, reconfirmed in 2005 and in 2006 by the previous Highlands East council.

This continued non-support is a result of the vast majority of Haliburton being opposed to this proposed plant and I hope that the new council pays attention to this.

Concerned Haliburton taxpayer,
Glenn Burkett

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Pre-apprenticeship hits the nail on the head

STEVE GALEA

Special to the Echo

With a thriving home-building industry and a need for meaningful employment within Haliburton County, Ted Brandon wonders why Sir Sandford Fleming's Carpentry Pre-apprenticeship course still has vacancies.

"It's a great course for those who want to start a career in the trade. The training is free and we even provide basic tools and safety boots to the students," says Brandon, the training officer responsible for the course.

"Certainly, participants aren't going to be carpenters when they are finished here. But they will have learned fundamentals that will help them find employment and eventually achieve that goal. We've had good feedback from students and employers. We're confident that they are prepared for entry level carpentry work."

The course, funded by the Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities, is equivalent to the level one apprenticeship course needed to progress in the carpentry trade. "The difference is that to become an apprentice you need immediate sponsorship from an employer. This isn't the case with this course," Brandon says.

Beginning on February 5, the course is set to accommodate 16 students. "Usually, we don't have trouble filling those places," says Brandon. As of press time, however, there are still openings available. Students must be 16 years of age and have completed Grade 10 to be eligible.

Participants are educated in basic tool use skills as well as safety components such as the use of fall arrest harnesses, first aid, CPR, and Workplace Hazardous Material Information Systems (WHMIS).

"There is classroom work but for the most part it is hands on," Brandon says. They start by building a sawhorse and a tool box. Then they learn about framing. Eventually, they are divided up and each group builds a garden shed," says Brandon. There's also wood identification and other skills that are important to the trade.

Brandon says that the main thrust is to get students out into the workforce. "It's actually a two-part course; the second being job placement. The school assists students find placement but the onus is on the student. We work with the Employment Centre in town. The idea is to sign on as an apprentice with local carpentry businesses and hopefully stay on for a while.

"This provides a great opportunity for local contractors. We're turning out local labourers who have a keen interest in the job. They haven't just walked in off the street. They've demonstrated that they're willing to learn."

CASEY LESSARD/Echo

Ryan Rogers recently finished his carpentry pre-apprenticeship certificate and is now working on his placement with cabinet maker Ed Muenzel's Fine Interiors.

Although it also provides a great opportunity for young people fresh out of high school, Brandon says that many of the students are more mature people who are trying to find meaningful work or new career paths. "They bring a lot to class and I think employers appreciate that they are serious about the work."

He adds that more women are also considering carpentry as a job option. "Generally, we have a few women in each class."

Bernie Upton is one employer who is happy with the program. His company, Bernie Upton Construction, of West Guilford does rough and finish carpentry and house framing. "My employee is a mature person who was smart fellow to begin with. He came equipped and eager to start the job. Based on my experience, I would take advantage of the program again."

Ryan Rogers of Haliburton graduated from the course last spring. He now works for Ed Muenzel Fine Interiors doing trim and finish work. He hopes to become a cabinetmaker.

"I came out of the military and did not have very many applicable skills for employment. I saw this in the newspaper and decided to give it a try. I was 26 years old and had no experience in carpentry at all when I started."

Rogers quickly discovered that he enjoyed the work. "It actually made me wish I had paid more attention in high school shop classes."

He says that the course was well-run and believes that it prepared him for work much better than had he just walked in off the street and received an apprenticeship. "They taught us the basics and we applied them in the projects."

He says he was about the average age of the student in his course. "A few were younger, some were older. Some came with previous experience, but most did not."

Rogers characterizes the course as a good stepping stone into the trade. "I'd definitely recommend it."

Muenzel is also happy with the arrangement. "They can't learn everything they need to know in that time but we can work with them to develop their skills. An employer still needs to be careful about hiring the right individual though. In this case it worked out fine."

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Almaguin storms Haliburton

- Photos by Greg Hoekstra -

Despite a valiant effort, the Highland Storm Peewee AE squad were defeated in tournament play this past Saturday on home ice.

The Storm fought hard in front of their home crowd, but fell by a score of 6-1 to their visitors from Almaguin. On Sunday, the Storm then travelled to South River for a second game against the Almaguin squad, which they lost 7-3.

The team now looks forward to the upcoming play-offs, which are set to begin this coming Saturday.

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First-time rink almost seizes victory

LISE AINSLEY

Special to the Echo

Every year the Ontario Curling Association holds provincial playdowns in search for Ontario's best curlers in different age categories. This year's zone bantam-age group was hosted on January 13 and 14 in Fenelon Falls.

For the last two months a group of young Haliburton curlers has been getting ready for this event. The first-year entry was skip Curtis Nichol, vice Jonathan Murray, second Ed Callaway, lead Alex McMaster and alternate Scott Henwood.

The format was a double knockout. This allows two teams to carry on to regionals. The Haliburton rink played their first game against Fenelon Falls winning it 14 - 0. They lost their second game to the Minty team from Peterborough, which dropped Haliburton down to the B side.

The third game was played on Sunday at 9 a.m against another Fenelon Falls team. Haliburton won 8-6. The fourth game was won against a team from Omemee 7 -3.

The Haliburton team lost in the final game for the B side trophy, playing again against team Minty from Peterborough. Haliburton put up a great fight, keeping focused and determined to do their personal best which made them the team to be feared.

Parents, coaches, and club can be proud of their efforts - good curling boys.

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Two eclectic events set for Haliburton County in February promise to give residents a unique opportunity to get physically active. Both events are part of WinterActive, a national campaign that promotes ways for people to be active and stay healthy during the winter months.

"There are plenty of activities to do in January and February, and hibernation isn't one of them," says Sue Shikaze, a health promoter with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

The Health Unit, Health for Life and Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre are teaming up for the following free WinterActive events:

• Walk Under the Full Moon is set for Friday, February 2, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Rails End Gallery, (on edge of Head Lake Park) in Haliburton village. An outdoor labyrinth will be constructed in the snow in front of the gallery for families to walk. Instructions on how to make your own labyrinth will also be available. If there is no snow for a labyrinth, activities will take place inside the gallery as well as a candlelight/moonlight walk outside.

• Winter Play - Inuit-inspired family activities take place on Saturday, February 24, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the gallery. Families can take in an Inukshuk Project Show by Mary Intven-Wallace at the gallery while also trying out free activities such as Inuit games, snow-sculpture contest, snowshoeing, Inukshuk building activity and more.

People are encouraged to drop by for either of these events. More information is available by calling the Health Unit at 457-1391, ext. 249, or Rails End Gallery at 457-2330.

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Above: junior kindergartner Jessie Jones shows you don't have to wear work clothes to get serious work done.
Far left: even the teachers, including Miss Boake, got into the sleepwear spirit.
Left: it's not a bedtime story, but Grade 3 student Riley Lambshead shows his excitement about a book about to be read to his class.

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9:00 am	4 Dog Race Start
10:45 am	Skijoring
12:15 pm	Kid & Mutt
12:45 pm	6 Dog Race Start
2:15 pm	Youth Race
3:30 pm	8 Dog Race

Sunday, January 28/07

7:30 am	Drivers Meeting (Delta Pinestone Kinmount Room)
8:30 am	4 dog race start
10:15 am	Skijor Race
11:45 am	6 Dog Race Start
1:15 pm	Youth Race
2:45 pm	8 Dog Race Start
4:00 pm	Awards Ceremony, Volunteer & Sponsor Party (Delta Pinestone Ballroom)

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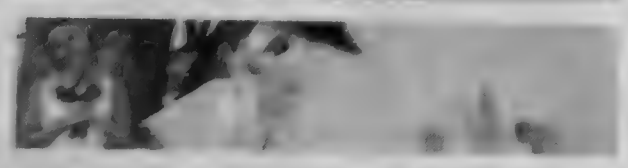

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How to Calm Wedding Jitters

(MS) — The work involved with planning a wedding can stress out even the most stable of individuals. Even those brides-to-be who knew all the reasons why they were getting married a few months ago may be facing the prospect of walking down the aisle with anxiety.

Call it cold feet or wedding jitters, the feeling is common among newlyweds-to-be. Stress has a funny way of making mountains out of molehills — little idiosyncracies in a partner can quickly grow into horrible character traits. The key is recognizing when fears are just the result of too much planning and not deep-rooted relationship issues. Usually a person quickly realizes they're more overwhelmed about the wedding details than the thought of making a commitment.

"The What If Guy," by Taylor G. Wilshire has messages of love, forgiveness and affirmation at its roots, which can offer help at this important time in your life. It also provides an entertaining story that gives you a chance to kick back and escape.

1. Put your thoughts onto paper — Make a list of what is causing the most anxiety. This release technique is something main character Ryley McKenna used in the book to clear her fears and prevent overworrying. Sometimes having all of your racing thoughts organized and on paper can help you rationally address the issues and see that there is no serious cause of the jitters. It can also help you pinpoint a common stress trigger, such as a financial concern or a conflict with a family member. Compare these fears to a list of reasons why you love your partner and want to enter a commitment with this person. This simple task can bring order to jumbled feelings and offer clarity on any nervousness you may have.

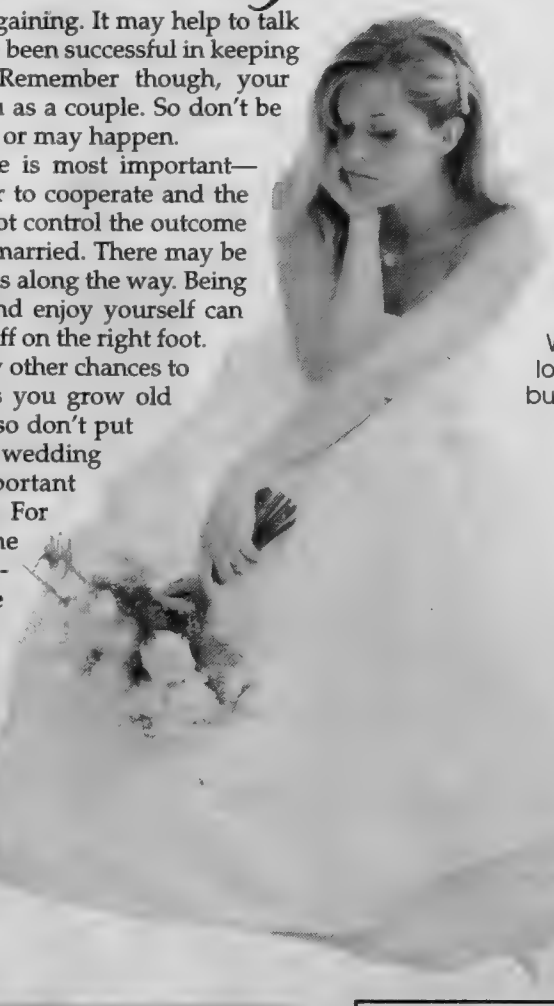
2. Learn to relax — Make time for yourself and enjoy activities that are not directly related to wedding planning. For example, some women benefit from a massage or facial treatment. Others find that a relaxing drive or walk along the beach or through another quiet area can help promote calmness. Or take a cue from Ryley and learn to relax by meditating to put your mind at peace: Find a quiet place and focus on deep breathing.

3. Talk to your partner — Open up to your partner about how you are feeling. You just may find that he is experiencing some of the same things as you and that jitters are completely normal. Working through fears to a place of love is one of the underlying concepts of "A Course in Miracles," the inspirational text that helps guide Ryley throughout the book. By expressing your fears and doubts, and working through them as a team, this can be the first step you take as a married couple to support each other in good times ... and bad.

4. Recognize that changes understandably make people uncomfortable — One of the most life-altering changes a person can make is getting married, particularly if you've both been used to living on your own and making your own decisions. Instead of focusing on what you could be losing by getting married, reaffirm all of the things you will be gaining. It may help to talk to married couples who have been successful in keeping their relationships strong. Remember though, your relationship is unique to you as a couple. So don't be sidetracked over what could or may happen.

5. Keep in mind that love is most important— While you want the weather to cooperate and the day to be flawless, you cannot control the outcome of everything when getting married. There may be some minor (or major) bumps along the way. Being able to recover gracefully and enjoy yourself can help start your relationship off on the right foot. Remember, you'll have many other chances to create winning memories as you grow old together with your partner, so don't put so much emphasis on the wedding details or the most important moments may pass you by. For further inspiration, see the ways Ryley overcomes challenges to find her path to true love in "The What if Guy."

Add "The What If Guy" to your bridal shower wish list to provide some much-needed salvation during this wonderful, but often stressful time. It is available wherever paperbacks are sold. Learn more about the book and author at www.thewhatifguy.com.



Work through fears to a place of love: Wedding jitters are common but can be tamed.

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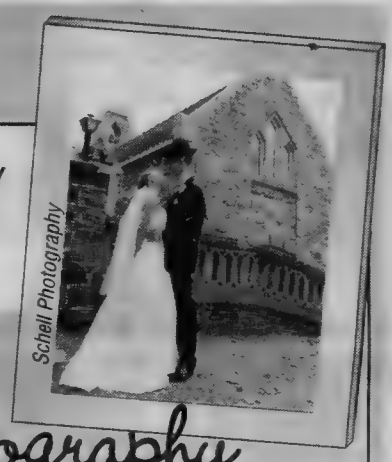

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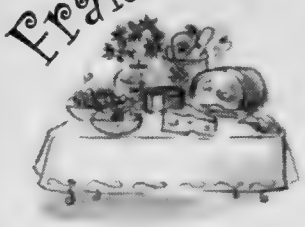

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Responsibility of being best man and maid of honor

(MS) — A popularity contest often comes into play when an engaged couple is selecting friends and family members to be part of their wedding party. Often there is great speculation surrounding who will be bestowed the honor of being a bridesmaid or groomsman and who will win the coveted spots of best man and maid of honor. The pressure could ultimately become a cause of undue stress for the happy couple.

Before making the decisions based solely on who is a best friend or favorite cousin, consider the responsibilities the maid of honor and best man must uphold according to tradition.

BEST MAN

This is the groom's right-hand man. He has a series of responsibilities, none which should be taken lightly.

• Oversees the groomsmen, making sure they are on time for the ceremony, properly dressed and have their boutonnieres on the left lapel.

• Ensures that the groom is dressed and ready for the ceremony. The best man may actually help the groom to dress in his tuxedo.

• Introduces people and breaks the ice.

• Holds the wedding rings until they are blessed. If a ring bearer will be used, it is suggested that faux rings be tied to the pillow and the best man continues to hold the real things.

• Takes care of payment to the clergy and other financial contributions after the ceremony. He may also tie up any loose financial ends with the reception staff.

• Ensures that the groom has the marriage license and will subsequently be one of the signatures on that document as a witness to the marriage.

• Makes sure that honeymoon travel arrangements have been made and may transport the couple to the airport if necessary.

• Returns the groom's tux (and any from irresponsible groomsmen) to the rental place.

• Arranges the bachelor party if one will be held.

• Writes and issues a toast at the wedding ceremony.

• Dances with the maid of honor.

MAID OF HONOR

The maid of honor — matron if the woman is married — will handle a number of functions for the bride and wedding party to reduce the amount of stress on the bride.

• Helps address announcements or wedding invitations with the bride.

• Arranges the bridal shower with other members of the bridal party and possibly the bride's mother.

• Makes sure the bridesmaids are aware of dress fittings and any responsibilities the bride has given them to do.

• Assists bride with her train during and after the ceremony.

• Holds the bride's bouquet during ring exchange or other moments during the ceremony.

• Assists the photographer with identifying key members of the family who will need to be photographed.

• Witnesses and signs the marriage certificate along with the best man.

• Helps the bride and bridesmaids with dressing.

• Organizes a bachelorette party if one will be held.

• Helps the bride and groom depart for their honeymoon.

• Takes care of returning the wedding gown to the bride's home or to be cleaned.

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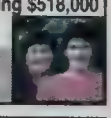

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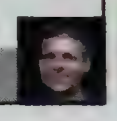

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Country acreage w/a large custom log timber frame home w/cedr siding & expansive covered decking. Well-maintained park like setting w/enough area cleared to keep our horses by the barn & the pond. Solar powered log cabin. Double det. heated, insul. garage w/att. storage building.

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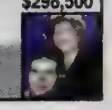

Call MICHELLE & CHRIS SMOLARZ, Sales Representatives
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LITTLE KENNISIS LK.

Modern 4 bdrm, 1.5 washrm., 1664 sq.ft. yr rnd cottage loaded w/ pine w/140 ft. frtg. Well treed part of point lot w/ clean, smooth rock shoreline & expan. view. Valuted pine ceiling w/skylights, wood kit. w/ centre isl., wood airtight, mn. flr. laundry, decks & docking.

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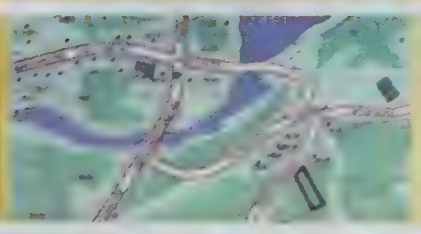

EAGLE LAKE VILLAGE LOT
Building lot overlooking Eagle Lake beach & boat launch area. 5 min. to Sir Sam's Ski Hill. You can hear the nearby rapids from this lot!
$24,900

Lynn Craigmyle
Broker/Manager
Res: 457-2013

EAGLE LAKE WATERFRONT
Very nice 3 bdrm R2000 home/4 season cottage (new in 2005). Nicely situated on gentle lot. Close to Sir Sam's Ski Hill. Full insulated lower level with w/o. Could easily generate high end rental income.
$469,900

Larry Hussey
Sales Representative
Res: 457-2819

BUILDING LOTS
Grace River Road – Near village of Wilberforce, deeded waterfront access, with boating to 2 lakes, nice setting. $34,000.
Harburn Rd. – just off main road close to Haliburton village and accesses to Drag Lake. 3.25 wooded acres. $18,500.
SOLD

John Parish
Sales Representative
Res: 457-2986

GRASS LAKE
193 ft. of shoreline w/southern exposure. Enjoy this 3 bdrm home or cottage. Large LR w/FP, double car garage, town sewers, miles of boating, fishing, swimming on a Five Lake Chain!"
$475,000

Marj Hunter
Sales Representative
Res: 457-2986

OBLONG LAKE
Only 1 lot left - 17.5 ft. of sand shoreline, western exposure, level lot, building site cleared, driveway in, year round access on 1.5 acres. Boat to Haliburton Lake & Oblong Lake.
$340,000 + GST

Peter Franzen
Sales Representative
Res: 488-2554

COUNTRY HOME
Refurbished country home on 91 acres, w/large wood burning FP in beamed great room, 3 bdrms. Ctry. kitchen w/custom pine cupboards, sunrm w/skylight.1 acre spring-fed pond, + abandoned goldmine. Commercial space 7.5 acres, 1700 sq. ft. showroom, 1700 sq. ft. workshop/garage. Hwy 121 S Kinmount, to 3413.
$750,000

Bonspiel sees three local teams as high scorers

community news

wilberforce

Hilda Clark
448-2018

Three teams were the high scorers in the New Year's bonspiel at the Wilberforce Curling Club on Friday and Saturday, January 19 and 20. The spiel was won by the team of Al DeGrave, Doreen DeGrave, Douglas Wagg and Marilyn Wagg with 49.75 points. They play out of the Haliburton club. Curling well and right behind them was a Minden team of Jack Taylor, Winn Taylor, Steve Robson and Audrey Robson who chalked up 47.25 points. A Wilberforce club team of Blaine Lewis, Tammy Vaughan, Gerry Guyton and Karen Hayes placed third with 35 points. Playing well and enjoying the competition were the Ron Barr and the Norman teams from Haliburton and the Stephen, Stetler, MacLeod, Donovan and Waugh teams from the Wilberforce club.

All teams played one game Friday evening and two games on Saturday. At the end of play everyone partook of a tasty supper together with all bad plays being forgotten and good shots celebrated. Prizes were then awarded. Congratulations and thanks to convenor Melanie Lewis and all the volunteers and contributors who made this bonspiel a popular and successful one.

The community was saddened to learn of the death of Ernest Reed at his home in Tory Hill on January 11, 2007. He was in his 86th year. Sympathy is extended to his wife Florence (Jeffrey Dack), to step-son Ron and Erma Dack and his elevated children and their families.

A funeral service was held at the Haliburton Community Funeral Home on Monday January 15. There will be a spring interment at the Essonville Cemetery.

Several Wilberforce residents partook of the luncheon at the Highland Grove Community Centre on Thursday, January 18. The volunteers there prepare a luncheon on the third Thursday of most months. At this one diners could choose from three delicious homemade soups along with a sandwich on a fresh bun and top it off with rice pudding and tea or coffee. What a good nutritious meal! Progress is being made on the restoration of the old log school house that was brought onto the site from the south end of Cardiff Township.

A reminder to support the efforts to assist Bruce and Debbie Langtree who lost their business in a fire by getting a ticket for the benefit evening on February 3 and by donating for the silent auction. For info call Roberta at 448-2185.

Find out how the Centre works

community news

west guilford

Eleanor Cooper
754-2388

This is the Wednesday of the monthly Centre's meeting. 7:30 p.m. is the time. Please come and find out how the Centre operates and give your ideas about events – All helpful.

Our Anglican priest, the Rev. Faun Harriman's to be the speaker at Ladies' Fellowship in February. Lots of notices up for you to get the details for the whole evening.

Snow shuffle course is planned for February. Enough snow now that it can happen. Craig and Cheri Stamp of Calgary are back to visit parents in Guilford and Haliburton for a few weeks.

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REAL ESTATE UPDATE

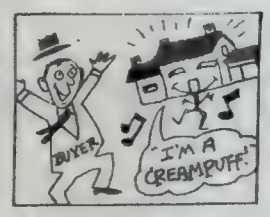
WHAT IS A "CREAM PUFF?"

QUESTION: A Realtor told me that if my house was a "cream puff," I'd get my full asking price. What, specifically, is a cream puff?

ANSWER: A cream puff is a well-priced, clean, beautifully maintained home for sale in a fine area. Every buyer's dream is a cream puff. So is every real estate agent's dream — because cream puffs sell fast.

To sell your house quickly and at its best price, try to turn it into a cream puff. Buyers will kill for a cream puff — a house in move-in condition.

Besides making your home spic and span, be sure that everything is in good working order, inside and out. Hire a repair person if you don't have the time or skill to do it yourself. It's worth the effort.



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Burns Dinner is a recipe for a fun time

community news

legion br. 624

Mel Smith
448-3040

Don't forget the Robbie Burns Dinner to be held on nuary 27. The Ladies Auxiliary has been busy planning or this. Join friends for refreshments at 6 p.m. and, fol-owing a few welcoming words and the Selkirk Grace, sit own to dinner at 6:30 p.m.. Cost is only $12 per person. he basic format of a Robbie Burns dinner is a time-hon-ured ritual that has remained unchanged since 1796 and egins when the chairman invites the company to receive ne haggis, a favourite Scottish dish.

Now for a wee bit about ole Robbie Burns... On January 5 many Scotsmen around the world celebrate this spe-ial occasion. It is the birthday of one of the greatest poets ne world has known, Robert Burns. (We will be celebrat-ng on the 27th.)

Robert was born on January 25, 1759 to a poor farmer ear Ayr, Strathclyde. Despite his poverty Burns learnt atin, Greek, French and trigonometry. Robbie was ften ill but he loved to write poetry and he is known for uch works as *Comin' Thro' the Rye, Auld Lang's Syne, o a Mouse, Scots Wha Hac and Address to the Deil.* On July 21, 1796, Robert Burns died of rheumatic fever nd a bad liver (a typical Scotsman's death). he highlight of any decent Robbie Burns festival consists f bagpipes, Scotsmen in typical highland dress and the eading of To a Haggis. But no festival would be com-lete without a hearty helping of haggis. People often ugh about it but it is not really half bad. Haggis is tradi-onally served as "haggis, neeps and tatties." Neeps are rnips peeled and cut into quarters. You boil them until nder, mash them and add butter, salt, pepper, a little ilk and allspice. Tatties are potatoes peeled and cut into uarters. You boil until tender, whip them until smooth, dding in butter, milk, salt and pepper.

Now for a hearty helping of haggis for six people you et yourself half a pound of beef liver, 3/4 pound of lamb oulder, 2 lamb kidneys, 1/4 pound beef suet, 1 cup oat-eal, 1 cup stock, 2 chopped onions, salt and pepper. Boil l meat for about an hour. Let cool and grate liver. Chop p rest of meat and suet. Toast oatmeal in oven, shaking ccasionally. Mix meats, onions, oatmeal and suet togeth-er with a cup of stock in which liver and m[illegible] were cooked. Add salt and lots of pepper. Put into greased bowl or small pan. Cover with two layers of foil and steam on a rack in a pan of boiling water for approximately two hours and serve.

To add that authentic touch, eat haggis, neeps and tatties with a dram of good Scotch - sounds good, eh!

Please note: The Pat and Phyllis Gallen Memorial Lake Trout Ice Fishing Derby scheduled for January 13 has been re-scheduled to February 10 due to the unusually warm weather. Don't forget fish derby raffle tickets for an electric smoker are on sale now at the Legion. $2 each or three for $5. Get your tickets from the Bar Steward.

There are many great upcoming events; however, just like the weather, the events scheduled may change and there may be even more to add as the month progresses. Just remember everyone is welcome to come out and join in or just sit and talk to all your friends and enjoy a sports event on the TV.

January 24: 7:30 p.m. Darts
January 25: 1:00 p.m. Euchre
January 26: 1:00 p.m. Pool
January 27: [illegible] p.m. Meat Draw
Refreshments at 6:00 p.m. Robbie Burns Supper. Advance tickets available by cash is $12 per person. 2221 or Elois at 448-2760. [illegible] Legion at 448-

January 31: 7:30 Darts

February 4: Super Bowl Party. Super Bowl XL1 kicks off 6:30 p.m. Light diner for $5. Come out and watch the Super Bowl at the Branch. Everyone Welcome. Bring a friend.

February 10: 10:00 a.m. Pat and Phyllis Gallen memorial Lake Trout Ice Fishing Derby

As you can plainly see we have just a tremendous selection of things going on at our Legion Branch 624. Come on out and join us and I am sure you will be glad you did.

Mark Burley loves to sail and when Kennisis Lake was taking a bit longer than expected to freeze over he decided to take advantage of the open water. On January 6, Liz Boxall took this photo of him enjoying a cold but invigorating sail.

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What's happening in the Highlands

CURRENT EVENTS

• **Jan. 24:** Register For Next Prenatal Class. Free classes offered throughout the year by the Health Unit to help expectant parents prepare for baby's arrival. Call 457-1391 for more details.

• **Jan. 26:** Get messy at the Gallery! Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre. Last Friday of every month, 10:30 - 12:30. Informal activities for parents and preschoolers to do together. Call 457-2330.

• **Jan. 27:** Robbie Burns Ceilidh (party). Presented by Haliburton Highlanders Pipes & Drums. Sat., 7:30 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, Haliburton. Enjoy: Scottish Country Dancing, Music of Bagpipes & Drums, Highland Dancing, Haggis. Buffet dinner served at 10:00 p.m. Door prizes. Advance tickets sold at Varty's Jewellers & Haliburton Legion Club Room. For cost & info. 286-6772.

• **Jan. 27-28:** 6th Annual Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby. Races will be going on all day Sat. & Sun. with teams going out at 2 min. intervals. The most popular race is the Kid & Mutt race, & also unique to watch is the Skijoring class, with mushers on cross-country skis, being pulled by 1 or 2 dogs. The large 8 dog race class also offers lots of excitement. The races are free for spectators to attend. **Note: Please leave pet dogs at home as they can distract the racing teams!**

• **Jan. 27:** Easter Seals Snowarama – Hosted by the Haliburton Rotary Club this popular annual snowmobile event is held at the Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve and is a fundraiser for the Easter Seals Society. Riders who raise a minimum of $150. are treated to a meal and a complimentary fuel fill courtesy of Thermoshell. For more info. or to receive a pledge form, please call Rotarian David Zilstra at 457-1781.

• **Jan. 27:** Family Literacy Day – OEYC Minden & Haliburton will be open on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to celebrate Family Literacy Day. We will be making books, having a music circle, providing literacy info. & giving a free book to each child. For more info. Call the Minden Centre at 286-1770 or Haliburton Centre at 457-2989.

• **Jan. 28:** Minden Rotary Club is sponsoring the "Free Public Skating" on Sunday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Minden Arena.

• **Feb. 1:** Ladies Fellowship – Thurs. at 7:30 p.m. West Guilford Recreation Centre. Please call Lyn Unsworth at 457-3155 or Alice Jones at 754-2808.

• **Feb. 3:** Benefit Dance for Debbie & Bruce Lanktree of Bruce Co. Autobody. Sat., 8 p.m. – 1 a.m., Lloyd Watson Centre, Wilberforce. D.J. Dale Allison. Buffet at 11 p.m. Cash bar, Silent Action. Every admission ticket entered to win $100 cash prize (you don't have to be present to win). Tickets available at the door or from Agnew's Store, Bostonian Motel, Bowes & Cocks, Foodland, Schwandt Lumber & The Variety store. Everyone Welcome.

• **Feb. 7:** OEYC Minden – Wed., Feb. 7 at 1 p.m. Come & discover the joys and benefits of Infant Massage with Claire Sylvan from Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth & Parents. Call 286-1770.

• **Feb. 8 to April 26:** Highlands Parent-Child Mother Goose – from 10-11 a.m. for parents with children 0 to 2.5 yrs. A 10 week program to learn rhymes, songs and stories in a relaxed environment at the OEYC Haliburton. In partnership with Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth & Parents. Call 286-4625 to register.

• **Feb. 8:** Minden Well Baby Drop-in. Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Minden (inside Sears Building) from 10 a.m. to noon. For more info. call the Health Unit at 457-1391.

• **Feb. 10 & Mar. 3:** Rainbow Rounds Dance Demonstration. Donations to Hospital Foundation (HHHSF). Ballroom style dancing done by Bonnie & Dave Mowat. At the high school gym, 7-9 p.m.

• **Feb. 13:** Parent Talk Time – Gain tips & tricks for dealing with concerns around biting, hitting, whining and tantrums in your preschooler. Join Bev Jackson for this informal time at the OEYC Haliburton from 10:30 to 11:30. Call 457-2989 for info.

• **Feb. 15:** Haliburton Well Baby Drop-in. Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton (Halco Plaza) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call the Health Unit at 457-1391.

ONGOING EVENTS

• **Every day a new picture** of Haliburton County, and sometimes beyond. Just visit www.jackbush.my-expressions.com. every day. A great reminder of why we all love living right here.

• **Minden OEYC:** Join us for Fun & Fitness circles on Thursdays in February, 10:30 to 11:30 as we stretch, dance and become yoga animals.

• **OEYC Haliburton:** February is Fables & Tales month. Join us Mondays from 10:30 to 11:30 as we learn about some of our favourite stories. Call 457-2989 for info.

• **Indoor Walking Club:** Escape the slippery sidewalks and icy winds by walking along the halls of Archie Stouffer Elementary School. Walkers are welcome from 7:30 – 8:15 a.m. each school day. There is no charge. Contact Morris Duff at 286-6079 for more information.

• **Haliburton Legion, Br. 129** – Every Wednesday night is Bingo night. Early Bird starts at 7:00 p.m.

• **Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 636,** Minden holds its General Business Meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

• **Every Wednesday:** Gooderham Branch, Haliburton County Public Library. Story circle at 11:30 a.m. on Pine St., in downtown Gooderham. 457-2241 or 447-3163.

• **Community Care** is looking for Brokered Workers to provide Home Help in Gooderham & Haliburton and Home Maintenance in the Wilberforce area. They offer seniors and adults with disabilities assistance with light housekeeping, yard work, snow shoveling, etc. All brokered workers are screened through our volunteer screening process. For more info. or to become a registered brokered worker, call Roxanne at 457-2941.

• **First Friday of every month:** Open Mike Nite at the Dominion Hotel, Main St. in Minden. Starts at 8 p.m. Local performers needed; musical, comedy, magic, poets, etc. Call 286-6954 or 286-5035 to book your act.

• **The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge at the Highland Crest Senior Citizen's home in Minden. All men and the women who love them are welcome. For info. please contact Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.

• **The Minden Women's Institute** meets at 1:30 p.m. every 3rd Wed. of the month. Contact 286-1158 or 754-1656 for information

• **Do you enjoy euchre, bridge, and other card games?** Come to the Card Night at the Fort Irwin's Residents' Assoc. Hall (FIRA) on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. For more info call Ken Fuller at 754-3699.

• **Community Care** Haliburton County has volunteers just waiting to give seniors 55+ or physically disabled adults a Security Check Phone Call. If you know of anyone who needs a phone call once a day, please call Judy at 457-2941.

• **Township of Algonquin Highlands** – Writers Circle every other Saturday at Club 35 starting at 9 a.m. The circle is open to writers of all capabilities, be they experienced or emerging. For info call: 489-3878.

• **Did you know** that Community Care Haliburton County offers nutritiously-balanced frozen meals on wheels. We have transportation services to get you to medical and other appointments. And we offer an Emergency Response System for seniors that want the security of knowing that they can access help at any time, without reaching the telephone. For info. call 457-2941.

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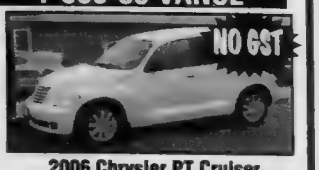

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Gary Heads, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer

COUNTY OF HALIBURTON

LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the *Planning Act* and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held **Monday February 12th, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-085/06 & H-086/06 Revised
Applicant: 532283 ONTARIO LTD. „In Trust‰
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 33, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Dysart
Nature of the Application: New Lot

2. File No. H-087/06
Applicant: Fred & Marlene NIMIGON
Location of the Property: Pt. Lots 11 & 12, Concession 9, Geographic Township of Dysart
Nature of the Application: New Lot

3. File No. H-104/06
Applicant: Dallyn PICKENS
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 24, Concessions 5 & 6, Geographic Township of Glamorgan
Nature of the Application: New Lot & Right-of-way

4. File No. H-114/06
Applicant: Anne JOHNSON & Kathleen DIETSCH
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 11, Concession 9, Geographic Township of Stanhope
Nature of the Application: New Lot & Right-of-way

5. File No. H-115/06
Applicant: 780484 ONTARIO LTD.
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 14, Concession 9, Geographic Township of Dysart
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition

6. File No. H-125/06
Applicant: JEACAR HOLDINGS LTD.
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 29, Concession A, Geographic Township of Sherborne
Nature of the Application: Correction of Title

7. File No. H-128/06
Applicant: Cheryl & John SMILLIE
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 20, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Dysart
Nature of the Application: Right-of-way

8. File No. H-129/06
Applicant: Paul NEWBY
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 20, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Dysart
Nature of the Application: Right-of-way

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office *by appointment* during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 23rd day of January, 2007.

Jane M. Tousaw, A.M.C.T.
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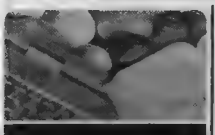

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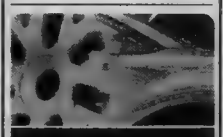

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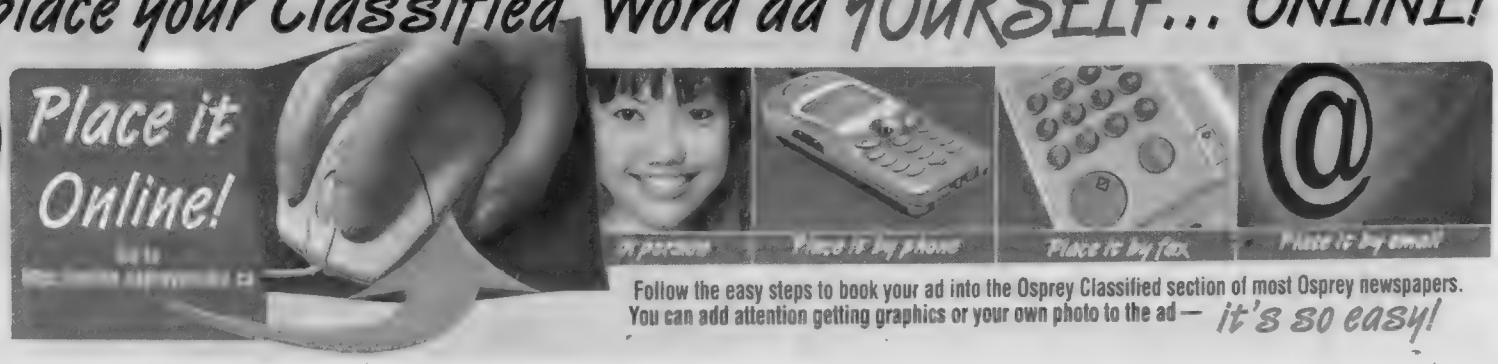

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Announcements

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Tommy is welcomed by proud parents
Shannon Deterling and Nancy Bird.
Proud grandparents are
Jim and Shirley Deterling and
Earl and Muriel Bird.
Special thanks to Dr. Coles and Dr. Bottum
and all of the nurses and staff for their
excellent care.
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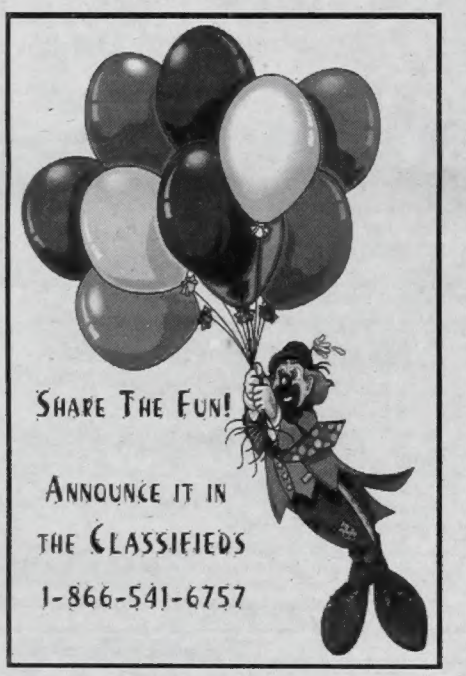
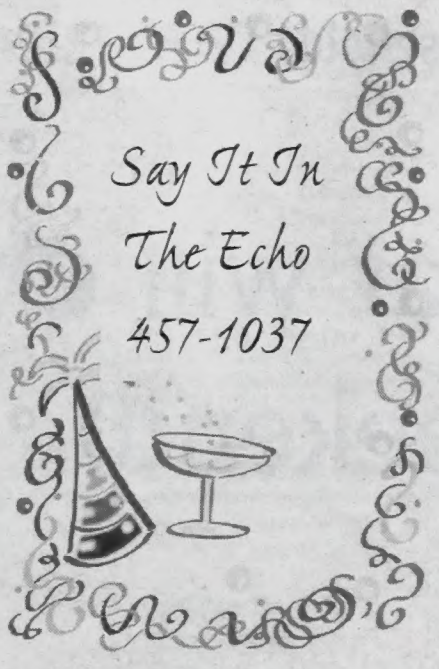


Birthday greetings



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ADAMSON, Douglas W. "Doug"-
(former owner of Cherokee Resort)
Passed away peacefully at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Saturday, January 20, 2007. In his 93rd year.

Beloved husband of Iris. Dear father of Diane and her husband Don Booth of Minden. Loving grandfather of Les and his wife Debbie of Barrie, Linda and her husband Duane of Renfrew and great grandfather of Christopher, Danny, Ryan Aaron, Justin and Nathan. Dear brother of Phyllis, Mildred, Gwen, pre-deceased by his sister Betty. Fondly remembered by his nieces and nephews.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.**, 127 Main St., Minden (www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com) on Tuesday, January 23, 2007 from11:00 am until the time of the Funeral Service in the Chapel at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the family centre. Spring interment at the Stone Church Cemetery, Beaverton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the World Wildlife foundation or the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.
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BURTON, William Garfield - Went home to be with the Lord and to be joined again with his beloved son Don, peacefully at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie on Thursday, January 11th, 2006. Garfield Burton in his 90th year, formerly of Oro Station. Husband and best friend for 65 years with Annie (nee Graham) of Barrie (Woods Park). Dear father of Audrey Richardson (Merv) of Dalston, Lynn Penley (Ted) of Oro Station, David Burton (Jane) of Wilberforce, Pat McConnell (Mike) and Graham Burton both of Oro Station and the late Donald. Remembered by Anne Burton of Barrie and Lorraine Burton of Oro Station. Loving grandfather of 12 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Dear brother of Olive Mawdsley and Grace Clendenning and brother-in-law Bill Graham. Pre-deceased by brothers Dan, Charlie, Enver, Woodrow, Graham and Carl. A celebration of Garfield's life will be held at the Trinity Community Church, 7th Line of Oro on **Saturday, January 27th** at 2:00 p.m. followed by a reception to share memories with the family. Interment of ashes Little Brick Cemetery, Oro at a later date. As an expression of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to the Kidney Foundation through the Jennett Chapel of the **McCLELLAND & SLESSOR FUNERAL HOME**, 152 Bradford Street in Barrie L4N 3B5 (705) 722-6656. Words of comfort may be forwarded to the family at garfieldburton@funeralhome.on.ca
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Births

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on December 14, 2006
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great Grandparents
and Grandparents.
Jon & Kori would like to
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at the Ross Memorial Hospital in
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in Haliburton

Marriages

Anniversaries

Guenter and Hannelore
Happy 50th Anniversary!

Lots of Love, Karen, Roger,
Garrett, Nicole, Michael & Lisa

Announcements

Deaths

KELLETT, Sidney - Peacefully passed away on Wednesday, January 17th at the Linhaven Home for the Aged in his 78th year. Devoted and loving husband of Bonnie for 56 years and much loved father of Rod (Sue-Ellen), Debbie (Bob) and Cathy (Wilf). Lovingly remembered by his 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Also survived by his sister Dolores "Sissy" (Glen) and brother Garnet "Bunny" - all of Haliburton, Ontario. Sid was employed for many years with the Region of Niagara where he worked as a truck driver. Sid's family will receive visitors at the **GEORGE DARTE FUNERAL CHAPEL**, 585 Carlton Street, St. Catharines on Friday, January 19th from 2 - 4 and 7 - 9 p.m. A funeral service to celebrate his life will be held in the funeral home chapel on Saturday, January 20th at 11 a.m. In keeping with Sid's desire, burial will take place in the spring at the Evergreen Cemetery in Haliburton, Ontario. If desired, memorial donations to the Alzheimer's Society or the Canadian Diabetes Association would be appreciated by the family. On-Line Guest Book - www.dartefuneralhome.com

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KIRKWOOD, Richard - Passed away peacefully at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Tuesday, January 16, 2007 in his 100th year. Beloved husband of the late Laura (nee Shafe) for 72 years. Son of the late Charles and Ida Kirkwood. Dear brother of the late Doris Coburn. Fondly remembered by his many friends of the Minden Community and the Minden United Church. Friends were invited to visit the family at the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.**, 127 Main St., Minden (www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com) on Friday, January 19,2007 from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the Funeral Service in the Chapel at 1:00 p.m. Spring Internment at Minden Cemetery. Memorial Donations to the Minden United Church or to the Charity of your choice would be appreciated.

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Friends are invited to visit the family at the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.**, 127 Main St., Minden (www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com) on Saturday, April 28, 2007 from12:00 pm noon until the time of the Funeral Service in the Chapel at 1:00 pm. Spring Interment at St. Peter's Cemetery, Maple Lake.

Memorial Donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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In memoriam

In memoriam

WRUTH, Murray - January 27

The rolling stream of life rolls on
but still the vacant chair
recalls the love, the voice, the smile
of the one who once sat there.
miss you and love you always,
- Arlene, Charlie and Adam

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WRUTH, Murray - March 27, 1923 to January 27, 2003. Remembering a loving caring husband and dad.

Months have gone day by day,
Its now four years since you went away.
Thoughts are full and hearts do weigh,
Without you here to share the way.
Time may dull the hand of fate,
Memory forever recalls the date.
We miss you ~ Ruth and Dwain

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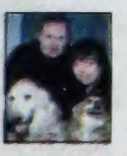

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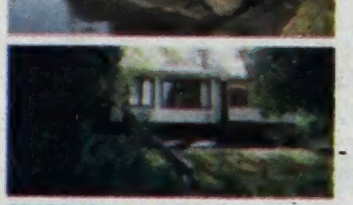

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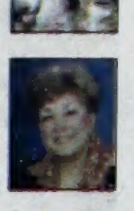

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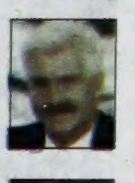

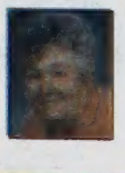

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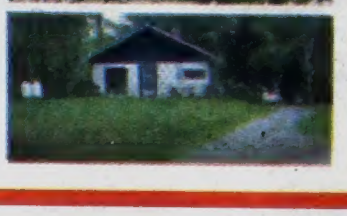

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